

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 131 - SB 1352**

March 6, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the number of assistant public defender positions. The number of positions in the bill represents the recommendations of the Tennessee Public Defender Weighted Caseload Study released in 1999.

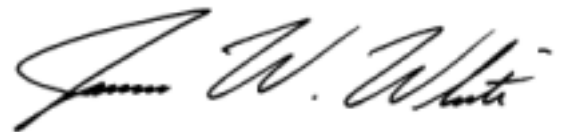
### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$3,186,800 Recurring  
\$355,200 One-Time**

Estimate represents salaries, benefits, and other operational costs for 30 assistant public defender positions, six investigator positions and 12 legal secretary positions. Funding is also included for nine assistant public defender positions for Davidson County and six assistant public defender positions for Shelby County. Davidson and Shelby Counties are not part of the State District Public Defenders Conference.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director